

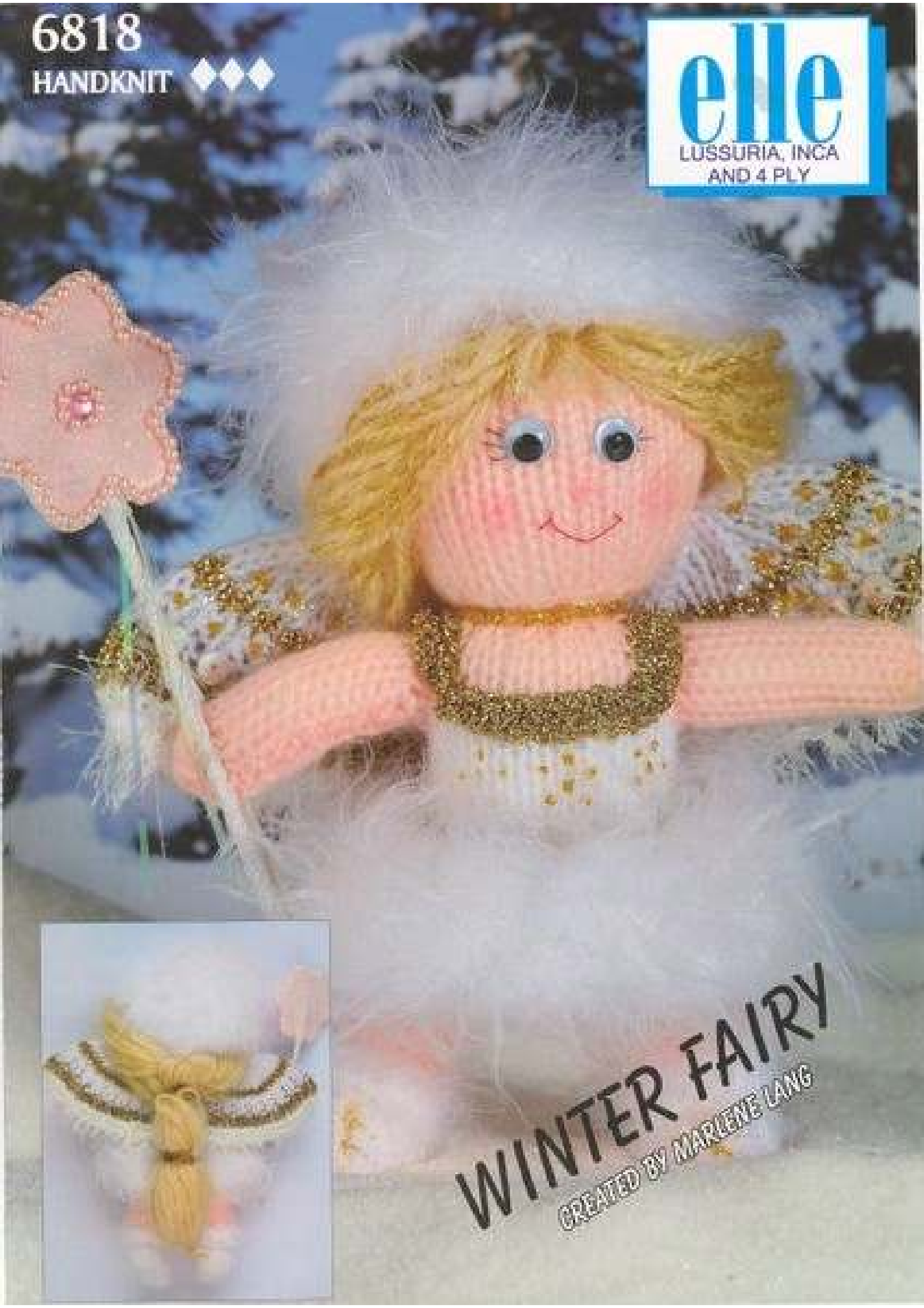
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HANDKNIT



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LUSSURIA, INCA
AND 4 PLY



WINTER FAIRY
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NEEDLE SIZES															
Metric	10	9	8	7½	7	6½	6	5½	5	4½	4	3½	3	2½	mm
English	100	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	
American	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	

IMPORTANT NOTE: Unless yarn specified is used, SAPROTEX cannot accept responsibility for the finished work.

Owing to printing restrictions the colour reproduction is matched as closely to the yarn as possible.

Pattern and design by Marlene Lang.

MATERIALS: ELLE AND MIRAGE 4 PLY QUALITIES AND ELLE LUSSURIA AND ELLE INCA.

1 ball each light peach and light beige and oddments of white (4 ply) and gold (Inca); 1 ball white (Lussuria).

Polyester stuffing.

One pair 8mm moveable eyes.

One pet's fine wire grooming brush for brushing fairy's hair to increase volume.

One cotton bud.

Cardboard.

Mother-of-pearl plastic.

All purpose glue.

One decorative pipe cleaners in gold tinsel (obtainable at craft and some yarn shops).

A set of glue glitter in different colours for decoration.

Sequins, beads or anything sparkling to give fairy that magical effect.

One pair 2,75mm ELLE knitting needles.

MEASUREMENTS: ±19cm [7½in].

THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN FOR ONE SIZE ONLY.

TENSION: SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME, CHECK TENSION, 28sts = 10cm [4in] over stocking stitch using 2,75mm needles.

FOR BEST RESULTS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT TENSION. IF THERE ARE TOO FEW STS ON TEST SWATCH, USE THINNER NEEDLES; IF THERE ARE TOO MANY STS, USE THICKER NEEDLES.

ABBREVIATIONS:

alt = alternate; **beg** = begin(ning); **cont** = continue; **dec** = decrease; **g st** = garter stitch; **inc(s)** = increase(s); **k** = knit; **m1** = make one stitch, pick up loop between last and next stitch and work into the back of this loop; **p** = purl; **rem** = remain(ing); **st(s)** = stitch(es); **st st** = stocking stitch; **tog** = together; **yfd** = yarn forward.

STITCHES USED:

K1, P1, RIB.

GARTER STITCH: K every row.

STOCKING STITCH: RSF, one row K. WSF, one row P.

LEGS, BODY AND HEAD:

RIGHT LEG (beg at bottom): Using 2,75mm needles and light peach, cast on 6sts. **1st row:** *P. **2nd row:** K, inc into every st = 12sts. **3rd row:** K (slippers will be sewn onto this row). **4th to 11th row:** Work in st st (beg with a k row). **12th row:** K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1 = 14sts. **13th to 17th row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row)**. Break off yarn and leave sts for right leg at end of needle.

LEFT LEG (beg at bottom): Using 2,75mm needles and light peach, cast on 6sts on needle without sts and work as for right leg from * to **.

LOWER BODY: **18th row:** Change to white and p across 14sts of left leg and then across 14sts of right leg (to mark edge of panty) = 28sts. **19th to 25th row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row). **26th row:** P (to mark panty waist edge where skirt will be sewn on). **27th row:** P.

SHAPE SIDES FOR UPPER BODY: **28th row:** K6, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k6 = 26sts. **29th to 33rd row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row). **34th to 37th row:** Change to light peach and work in st st. **DECREASE FOR NECK:** **38th row:** K3, (k2tog) 10 times, k3 = 16sts. **39th row:** P. **INCREASE FOR HEAD:** **40th row:** K, inc into every st to end = 32sts. **41th to 55th row:** Work in st st (beg with a p row). **SHAPE TOP OF HEAD:** **56th row:** (K2, k2tog) to end = 24sts. **57th row:** P. **58th row:** (K1, k2tog) to end = 16sts. **59th row:** P. **60th row:** (K2tog) to end = 8sts. Break off yarn, thread through rem sts, pull up tightly and fasten off.

FAIRY SLIPPERS (Make 2):

Beg at bottom edge: Using 2,75mm needles and white, cast on 20sts. **1st row:** K2tog, k to last

them two knitted rows below neck. Sew in place, noting that seam will run underneath the arms. **WINGS (Both Alike):** Fold knitted piece in half and sew row ends tog (= seam where wings will join). Trace shape of wing from diagram onto cardboard and cut out shape of wing. Slide the cardboard inside the knitted piece. Now oversew g st edges tog enclosing cardboard piece as you go. Sew wings tog at base for $\pm 1\text{cm}$ [$\frac{1}{2}\text{in}$]. Hold wings at centre back of fairy, taking note of where the wings will be exposed above the arms and shoulders at front. Decorate this section with sequins, glue glitter or anything sparkling. Allow to dry. Sew wings to centre back of fairy. When fairy is complete, catch wings to hands to hold wings in position. **SKIRT:** Sew row ends tog and turn right side out. Slide skirt onto fairy and then sew waistband onto body at knitted waist marker row. **NECKBAND FRILL:** Sew row ends tog, noting that cast off edge will be at bottom. Sew level with top of white section of bodice starting at centre back. Sew bottom and top edge into place in a square shape bringing frill over left shoulder, across front, over right shoulder and ending at centre back. **HAIR:** Using light beige and using a 20cm [8in] diameter side plate, wind yarn around middle of plate 70 times. Tie double piece of yarn tightly at centre front of plate so that it holds the strands tightly. Do this a couple of times. Turn the plate over and cut through the strands of yarn at centre back of plate. You will now have two long sections of yarn on either side of knot. Lie the piece flat and holding the yarn firmly on one side of knot, brush gently with the pets fine wire grooming brush to increase volume of the hair. Now turn over and brush the other side until required thickness is reached. Now repeat this process on the other side of the knot. Pin hair to top of head, positioning it a little to the front. Sew in place at centre knot. If desired, a short fringe can be cut at this stage just above eyes. Style as desired or dividing hair into 3 sections, allow back section to hang straight down back. Twist the two front sections slightly. Tie front sections at back in a loose knot and then bring down to join back centre section. Cut gold tinsel pipe cleaner in half and secure one half just below knot and the other half of pipe cleaner $\pm 3\text{cm}$ [1in] further down. Sew hair to head last of all as it tends to get in the way

when sewing wings in position. Last of all, spread glue stick over tuft of hair below pipe cleaner and twirl between fingers into a point. This will stop the tuft from fanning out. **HAT:** Sew row ends tog and turn right side out. Lay aside until hair is complete and then sew cap to hair (see picture). **WAND:** Secure the mother-of-pearl plastic to one end of cotton bud. Now wind the plastic firmly around cotton bud from one end to the other. **FLOWER:** Cut flower out of cardboard, paint it pink, then sprinkle glitter to surface while paint is wet, glue beads all around edge and in centre of flower. Glue flower to wand. Sew wand to hand. **COMPLETING THE FAIRY:** Using sequins, beads, glue glitter and anything shiny of your choice that will make your fairy sparkle, decorate in whatever way you feel will look most attractive - e.g. add droplets of gold glue glitter to hair, gold glue glitter to each slipper in the shape of a gold leaf, droplets of gold glue glitter to front of bodice, droplets of gold glue glitter around neck. Lastly place your fairy near a light where it can sparkle magically and bring joy and good fortune to all the family.

DIAGRAM



Degree of Difficulty

- Easy
- Easier than you think
- Advanced
- A challenge

